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SOURCE:

1. On 3 January 1955 the National Executive Committee (CEN) of the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party - Communist) met to discuss the assassination of President Jose Antonio REMON, which occurred on 2 January 1955. The CEN agreed that the assassination of REMON would worsen the situation in Panama, because REMON was the one person who united the different groups in the Panamanian Government. The CEN estimates that these groups will now engage in internal fights motivated by personal ambitions, rather than in activities beneficial to the popular interests. This situation will be prejudicial to the interests of Panama, because there is no existing opposition and there are no democratic mass organizations. As a result, the only group capable of controlling the internal squabbles of this reactionary government will be the Guardia Nacional (GN), which now has the opportunity of installing a regime based on force. The CEN also agreed that, because of the suddenness of the assassination and the lack of details, it would be impossible to reach any immediate conclusions regarding the assassination or the motive involved.
2. The CEN decided that the PDP will have to increase its security precautions to prevent becoming involved in the investigation of REMON's assassination. It was agreed that the following security precautions would be taken:
 - a. Only the Secretariat of the CEN will meet regularly. The CEN will meet only when matters of policy have to be decided.
 - b. In order that members of the CEN can be notified of decisions of the Secretariat, the Ferguson Book Store in Panama City was designated as a meeting place.
 - c. The commissions comprising the CEN Secretariat and other units of the PDP will continue functioning during the suspension of constitutional guarantees, but any Party meeting will be held under circumstances of maximum security, and no meeting will last more than 15 minutes.

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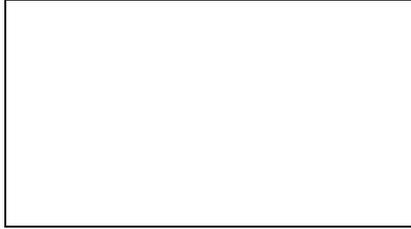
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- d. Party work within mass organizations will continue on an individual basis, but no meetings involving all members of such mass organizations will be held.



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